

Weekly Status and Information Report: Week of August 2, 2004

Montgomery College Facilities Master Plan (Ward 1): Plans for the renovation of the existing Takoma Park campus are included in this document, which is on reserve at the Takoma Park, Md. Library or available on line on the City's web page. The plans will be discussed by the City Council and the public in the fall of this year. *(Community and Government Liaison)*

Purple Line/Bi-County Transitway (Wards 5 and 6): Staff has been attending technical meetings with State and County planners to analyze the pros and cons of options for light rail or bus rapid transit routes for this project. The question is which routes should be considered for detailed engineering study. The route recommendations will be presented for public comment in the fall. City Council will be briefed at its September 7 worksession. Copies of the State's May 2004 Scoping Process Report will be distributed to Council next week. *(Community and Government Liaison)*

Street Improvements (Wards 1, 3, and 4): Chestnut Avenue, S. Manor Circle and Grant Avenue have been milled in preparation for resurfacing. They are scheduled for surface overlay next week (weather permitting). Additionally, work will begin next week to install a sidewalk on the northeast side of Grant Avenue, in the vicinity of the Municipal Building. *(Public Works)*

Code Enforcement/Landlord-Tenant: A copy of Emergency Ordinance 2004-26 (allowing use of individual room air conditioners in rental properties) plus an advisory memo were mailed this week to all tenants residing at the affected rental properties. Landlords are required to re-install all landlord-owned window air conditioners or allow tenants to re-install their own. *(Housing and Community Development)*

Tenant Opportunity to Purchase (Ward 5): It appears that Habitat for Humanity will not be able to work with the tenants at 8508-10 Flower Avenue to rehab and convert their property to condominiums as long as the asking price for the property remains at \$1,200,000. After a recent meeting with his Board, Erik Cullen, Executive Director of Habitat for Humanity of Montgomery County advised the City that the high cost of the property makes the rehabilitation and conversion of the property prohibitive under their program. The City and Habitat will continue to look at other rental properties that are up for sale in Takoma Park to ascertain if any are possible matches for Habitat's program. *(Housing and Community Development)*

Code Enforcement/Landlord-Tenant (Ward 4): A recent sewer backup at 7523 Maple Avenue has caused County inspectors to condemn Apts 1 and 2 at this property. WSSC has been actively involved and so far has housed the tenants at a local hotel. WSSC has been doing the clean-up and investigation of the cause. Staff for Code Enforcement and Landlord-Tenant affairs have been in touch with all parties to ensure that the tenants' requests are being met. Landlord has been cooperating fully with WSSC and the tenants. *(Housing and Community Development)*

Takoma Urban Park (Wards 1 and 3): Staff at Park and Planning and community members have reached consensus on the design for the new playground that will be installed in Takoma Urban Park. The new playground will be installed in the same location as the existing playground. Construction is likely to take place in late fall or winter.

(Housing and Community Development)

National Night Out Events (All Wards): The COP Team, working with residents and business held National Night Out (against crime) events on Tuesday, Aug. 3. The William Sector event (Wards 2,3,4,5), at Maple Avenue and Sligo Creek Parkway, was well-attended with music by a local band and complimentary refreshments and balloons provided by several apartment complexes. The SOSCA potluck event in X-ray Sector (Wards 2 & 6) at Forest Park started and ended early, with a crowd of 50-60 enjoying the evening. The Victor Sector (Wards 1 & 3) event was held on The Deck on Laurel, with Summer Delights and Taliano's providing discount coupons for attendees. Face painting and music by Eric Agnero was provided. *(Police Dept.)*

Police Training: Summer range training for required weapons certification for all sworn officers was scheduled for three days this week and three next week at the Howard County Police range. July 27-20, nine officers attended Criminal Interdiction Training, a three-day course sponsored by the DEA and Virginia State Police. Capt. Coursey assisted the U.S. Capitol Police with a promotional process for four days. *(Police Dept.)*

Operations Division Reassignments: A number of re-assignments within the Operations Division for patrol teams will take place during the next week. A chart of assignments is attached. *(Police Dept.)*

Robbery Investigation. Investigation of robberies in the V2 Beat (Ward 1) continues, with no additional information available. No incidents have occurred since July 26 although an armed robbery at Ethan Allen and New Hampshire Avenues was reported on Aug. 4 (Ward 2). *(Police Dept.)*

Acting Chief. Chief Creamer will be on leave through August 16; Lt. Richard Cipperly will be acting chief Aug. 7-13. *(Police Dept.)*

CDBG Activity (Ward 4). The Essex House Apartments students demonstrated their math, computer literacy and technology skills on Tuesday, August 3 to onlookers as part of a summer enrichment program at the Essex House Computer Center. The computer center was partially funded through the City's CDBG program. The summer program is a collaboration between the Community Preservation and Development Corporation, the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments, Piney Branch Elementary School and Passion for Learning. The Communications Department videotaped the event and an article is expected to run in the Montgomery County editions of the Gazette. *(Housing and Community Development)*

T-Ball. The Recreation Department's T-Ball Program concludes this Saturday, August 7, at three local Takoma Park fields. This season we had 62 kids participate on six different teams every Saturday morning for the last eight weeks. The age range for this program is K-1st grade. Parental involvement is especially important to this program and we were fortunate to have it from a great majority of generous parents this season. Coaches to be recognized include Marck Chupka, Doug Weisberger, Ruti Berner-Kadish, Virginia Murphy and Monica Ortiz. *(Recreation)*

Extreme Horizons Camp: The camp had another busy week with trips to the movies, Rounding Third Amusements, whitewater rafting, paintball and King's Dominion. The participants are in grades 6-8. Next week is the last week of camp. *(Recreation)*

Creative Adventures Summer Camp: Creative Adventures Camp celebrated Amazing Animals week August 2-6. The Mad Science Group gave a presentation about different animal species and how they relate to each other. The highlight of the week was our trip to the Baltimore Zoo where they learned about habitats and the difference between domesticated and wild animals. *(Recreation)*

ICMA Site Visit: New staff of the International City/County Management Association's Center for Performance Measurement visited the City on Wednesday to see how services are provided in a small city. Next week they will visit Fairfax County to see a large governmental organization. The City of Takoma Park has participated in the ICMA's performance measurement program for three years. Now that base data has been collected, the CPM staff will assist City staff in beginning to analyze the information. The City's fleet management was the focus of a special presentation by CPM staff at an ICMA conference in the spring. Of the 100 or so cities that participate in the CPM program, Takoma Park is the only city with 100% of its heavy rolling stock using alternative fuel (bio-diesel). *(Community and Government Liaison)*

Takoma Park Police Assignment by Team and Sector				
	Supervisor	V Sector	W Sector	X Sector
Team One (Patrol Squad)	Sgt. R. Bowers (V)	PFC E. Mueller (V1)	Cpl. R. Rodriguez (W4) PFC Stanley McLean (W5)	Cpl. Rick Cannatella (X7) Pvt. N. Carter (X9)
Team Two (Patrol Squad)	Sgt. M. Hammond (W)	CPL T. Collington (V2)	Cpl. Largent with Shadow Pvt. D. McDowell (W6)	Pvt. M. Mitchell (X8) Pvt. S. Barsh (X7)
Team Three (Patrol Squad)	Sgt. D. Frishkorn (X)	PFC M. Collins (V1) PFC P. Gaskin (V3)	Cpl J. Erwin (W5) PFC G. Wolff (W6)	Cpl. Fred Roush (X8)
Team Four (Patrol Squad)	Sgt. R. Skibicki (V)	Pvt. E. Atwell (V2)	Cpl. W. Jackson (W5) PFC. Pedersen (W4)	Cpl. D. Malarkey (X8) PFC M. Holmes (X9)
Team Five (COP)	Sgt. K. Gilbert	PFC T. Smith	PFC C. Conrad	PFC J. Butler
Criminal Investigations (Detectives)	(Acting/Sgt: Poole)	D/CPL. A. John	Det. Frank Webb	D/CPL R. Poole
	Officers in Training - Unassigned by Sector: Pvt. D. Palmer #373 Pvt. S. McGarvey #372			
	Civilian (non-sworn): PEC N. Falcon and PEO R. Rojas, parking; NAS R. Rice (Team 5, parking and nuisance abatement)			

COMMAND: Chief C. Creamer Capt. E. Coursey Lt. R. Cipperly

Others: Light Duty: Cpl. B. Davis Administrative Services; Cpl. R. Rodriguez, Accreditation

Patrol Schedule: Teams 2 and 4 working days; Teams 1 and 3 working nights through August 22, 2004

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